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MAY 2, 1973

TO: MR. HOOD
FROM: WINSTON LORD

PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO YOUR CUSTOMER.

BEGIN TEXT: THE U.S. SIDE HAS NOTED THE CHINESE MESSAGE OF
MAY 1, 1973 CONCERNING AMERICAN NEWSMEN GOING TO PEKING TO
COVER THE OPENING OF THE U.S. LIAISON OFFICE.

THE U.S. SIDE WISHES TO RESTATE ITS POSITION IN ORDER TO
PREVENT POSSIBLE MISUNDERSTANDING ON THIS MATTER. IT BELIEVES
THE DECISION ON ADMISSION IS ENTIRELY UP TO THE CHINESE SIDE.
DR. KISSINGER'S REMARKS WERE INTENDED TO CONVEY ONLY THAT THE
PRESENCE OF NEWSMEN IS NOT A MATTER OF GOVERNMENTAL INTEREST.
ON THE OTHER HAND, IF THE U.S. SIDE LEFT THE IMPRESSION THAT
IT OPPOSED THE PRESENCE OF AMERICAN NEWSMEN, IT WOULD LIKE TO
CORRECT THIS. IF THE CHINESE SIDE WERE TO DECIDE TO ADMIT
JOURNALISTS, THE U.S. SIDE WOULD BE PLEASED AND WELCOME THIS
VERY MUCH. IT RESPECTS THE CHINESE DECISION EITHER WAY.

END TEXT.

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